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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the Final Office Action mailed April 15, 2008 (hereinafter "Final Action") and the Office Action mailed October 11, 2007 (hereinafter "Office Action"). Applicants especially appreciates the indication in both the Office Action and Final Action that dependent Claims 5, 6, 11, 12, 17, and 18 recite patentable subject matter. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for reviewing a proposed amendment to the independent claims submitted by Applicants' representative, Scott Moore (Reg. No. 42,011), on July 14, 2008. Applicants were informed on July 15, 2008 that the proposed amendment would not place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the present remarks constitute an Interview Summary pursuant to MPEP §713.04.

To advance prosecution and to facilitate an early allowance of the present application, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 7, and 13 to include the recitations of dependent Claims 5, 11, and 17, respectively, including all intervening dependent claims. Applicants have also rewritten dependent Claims 6, 12, and 18 in independent form. Applicants have canceled Claims 2-5, 8-11, and 14-17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-entitled application is now in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment and favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

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